

RAPHAEL PASS FIELD

02-510

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2002**, upon the application of **GULF EXPLORER, L.L.C.**

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the **5500' Sand, Reservoir A**, in the Raphael Pass Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create under authority of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 30, Section 5(C), a single reservoirwide unit of approximately 309.731 acres for the 5500' Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the 5500 RA SU for the exploration for and production of all hydrocarbons from the 5500 RA SU, all as shown more particularly on the plat submitted with the application.
2. To require that the unit be operated in accordance with a plan of unit operation proposed in accordance with the aforesaid statute and the terms and provisions of the written unitization agreement which has been approved by a minimum of three-fourths (3/4) of the royalty interest owners in such unit, which agreement will be filed with the Commissioner on or before the date set for public hearing.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit and all of the leases, mineral and royalty rights and other interest of every nature whatsoever relating to or affecting such lands, including the rights and interests of any and all parties who have not heretofore executed the written unit agreement therefore on a surface acre basis of participation.
4. To designate Gulf Production Company, Inc. as the operator of the proposed reservoirwide unit.
5. To provide an appropriate unit allowable which may be produced from any well or wells completed in the reservoir which, in operator's opinion, will efficiently and economically deplete the reservoir.
6. To authorize the drilling, completing or recompleting of additional wells, if deemed desirable, at optimum locations in the reservoir exempt from the spacing provisions contained in Statewide Order No. 29-E.
7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The 5500' Sand, Reservoir A, in the Raphael Pass Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1069-C, effective August 15, 2000.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge** and **Lafayette**, Louisiana or may be found at the following site:

www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm.

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All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

JAMES H. WELSH

COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La

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IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION - ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P. O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.